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Hi WLA members,

Here is your week 3 update from the Legislative Session. **At this time, no action is needed.** If WLA does need action from its members regarding a piece of legislation, we will reach out and provide you with details and how to go about doing so. Action emails will be clearly labeled so you will know when your support is needed.

WLA and the State Library are still tracking a few bills, but the number is dwindling as we approach the end of the session. The session is scheduled to end on March 11.

From last week, the American rescue plan act recovery funds bill was passed and is on its way to the Governor, which is great news. You can read more here - [22LSO-0353 \(wyoleg.gov\)](https://wyoleg.gov/bills/22LSO-0353).

The state budget is wrapping up. There are a few amendments we were monitoring that are still included. These include:

- An increase to community college state aid by \$7.5 million
- Salary adjustments for State, community college and UW employees.

The legislative budget amendments related to UW and restrictions on teaching gender studies and potentially other courses is one to watch. The Joint Conference Committee did remove the language out of the budget that was very concerning, but still has reporting requirements. The final language hasn't been posted yet, but it will eventually appear here: [Bill Detail \(wyoleg.gov\)](#).

For school librarians, the bill related to Civics Transparency was killed yesterday in the House Education Committee. The critical race history bill also died in committee today. You can read more from WEA [here](#).

If you have questions about any legislation, for our lobbyist, or for the WLA Legislative Committee, please contact me.

Thanks,
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